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**Saturday, March 6, '09, at 8:30.**

A most cordial invitation is hereby extended to the ladies of Mexico and vicinity to kindly visit our Exclusive and Fashionable Store where you will find Exceptional Values and Styles of Spring '09 for Women and Misses. High-grade Tailored Suits in all up to date shades. Elegant line of Skirts in Voiles, Panamas and Serges. Silk and Heatherbloom Petticoats. Silk Net and Lingerie Waists. Silk and Crape Kimonos. Beautiful Undermuslins.

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**The Ladies' Toggery. "On The Square," Ringo Block.**

## ANDERSON ESCAPES.

### The Accused Murderer of George Wagner Breaks Jail.

Montgomery, Mo., March 1.—Luther Anderson, charged with killing George Wagner, an Audrain county farmer, escaped from the jail here some time last night. With him went Frank Lewis, alias Theo. Lusby, charged with burglary.

The pair unscrewed the bolts from the doors which led to the basement of the jail, passed down and thence dug their way to liberty. Where they got the tools with which they unscrewed the heavy bolts which held the door leading to the basement, is a puzzle.

Mrs. George Ernest, the Sheriff's wife, declared today that she had seen Anderson's brother at the jail last night after the prisoners had been locked up for the night, and that she had told him it was too late to see his relative.

Anderson was removed from jail at Mexico, Mo., to this place, it being thought that this jail was stronger.

Sheriff Ernest issued the following today:

"Luther Anderson, tall, fair complexion, brown curly hair, 22 years old, brown eyes, eye-teeth extend out very prominently, very pleasant and talkative; charged with murder. Frank Lewis, alias Theodore Lusby, 33 years old, brown hair, 5 feet 5 inches tall, all toes off one foot; three toes off other foot; has bad front teeth; charged with burglary and larceny."

Anderson is charged with the murder of Luther Wagner, an Audrain stockman and farmer. Wagner was known to have a large sum of money. His body was found in a cellar at his country home near Farber, with his head crushed.

Anderson denied knowing anything of his friend's death. After being placed in jail at Mexico with other prisoners, Anderson planned to escape, and it is said that the prisoners were to kill the Sheriff, his wife and the deputy, if necessary, to carry out their plan, which was revealed by a trusty.

Montgomery, Mo., March 2.—Only one person has been found here who saw Luther Anderson, the prisoner who escaped from jail here last night, after the flight. This was L. C. Goye, who says he saw the fugitive running out of the city at 11 o'clock Sunday night in the direction of Mexico Mo., his home.

Lusby, who escaped with Anderson, has not been seen since the pair bored their way out of jail.

There was some talk today of suing the persons who constructed the county jail here, as it now appears to have been a simple proposition for the prisoners to remove two bolts from the lock-

box of the main building and thus open a way to slide the iron bars back and open the main door.

## Circuit Court Adjourns.

The Circuit Court adjourned last Saturday. The petit jury was dismissed three days before.

Judge Barnett handed down his decision in the case of O. A. Edson vs. the Clarkson Real Estate & Investment Co. The decision favored the defendant. Edson traded his farm near Rush Hill for the Clarkson Hotel here. He charged that the defendant made misrepresentations to him regarding the value of the property and the rentals.

The jury in the case of Will Johnson, colored, charged with killing George Curtis, also colored, at a dance near Thompson last December, brought in a verdict giving Johnson 15 years in the penitentiary. Thursday Johnson's attorneys argued a plea for a new trial, but Judge Barnett overruled the motion and Johnson has been taken to prison to serve his sentence.

Judge Barnett overruled the motion for a new trial in the Eisle-Clemens breach of promise suit. Eisle is a German farmer living near Centralia and Mrs. Clemens, who brought the suit, resides in Mexico.

John Hill has returned from a visit in Texas.

Dr. A. F. Brown of Wentzville was here Tuesday.

Rev. C. A. Mitchell and family have moved to Clark.

Miss Margaret Barnett visited Columbia friends last week.

March came in like a lamb. Hope she'll go out just as mildly.

E. P. Burns of near Wellsville made this office a pleasant call Monday.

Senator M. R. K. Biggs of Farber was a Mexico visitor Tuesday.

"Peter" Torreyson of the Laddonia Bank paid the Message a pleasant call Tuesday.

Francis Hilderbrandt, a successful cartoonist of St. Louis, has been visiting relatives near Martinsburg.

Miss Margaret Wintringer, a chalk talker and a woman of national reputation, will deliver an address at the Methodist church in Mexico, April 16.

## Teacher's Examination.

The first quarterly examination for teachers' certificates will be held in Mexico, Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27.

S. T. DAVIS, Co. Com.

Rev. H. I. Cobb renews for the Message for a year, and J. W. Peck and G. W. Newgent, both of near Mexico, are new subscribers.

## Some Cash; Some News.

A. W. Worsham renews. Mrs. Fred Clapper renews. J. J. F. Johnson of Benton City renews.

Frank Skelly renews for the Message.

Gus N. Steinman hands us a dollar on renewal.

J. S. Crockett at Rush Hill is a new Message subscriber.

Ralph Adams of Molino is a new Message subscriber.

Mrs. C. E. Northland of Molino is a new Message subscriber.

R. L. Caldwell, route 5, Mexico, is a new reader of this paper.

Judge J. J. Alexander, of Laddonia, is a new Message subscriber.

Tucker Meyers, of Benton City, has moved to the neighborhood of Rush Hill.

A. G. Dillard, of Laddonia, was here this week on business and renews for the Message.

C. H. Todd, of Benton City, has moved to Martinsburg and orders the Message to follow him.

Henry Kunkel, Hiram Threlkeld and C. T. Howard last Saturday each handed us a dollar on renewal.

Virgil Marvin, of De Land, Ill., whose parents reside near Mexico, sends in a dollar to renew for this paper.

S. T. Torreyson, who lately purchased the Mike Shoup farm, north of Rush Hill, called Monday and added his name to our list.

J. R. Houston, near Middletown, James Bledsoe, of Strother, and Georgia McClintic, of Mexico, called last Friday and renewed for the Message.

Chas. Schoeneman, of Bunker Hill, Ill., is in Mexico on business and subscribed for the Message. Mr. Schoeneman was a resident of this county many years.

## Consider Your Beasts.

Rev. H. I. Cobb's "Circuit Rider" makes the following timely observation:

Mexico needs a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Owners who will not provide comfortable quarters and sufficient food for poor dumb stock ought to be made to feel the iron hand of the law. The overloading of poor old bone racks ought to be stopped; also the tying up of horses all day in the hitch lots without food or covering. Who will move out in this matter?

Mrs. F. H. Klein is visiting in Henderson, Ky.

O. M. Campbell has moved to Marshall.

Lewis Callahan is in Beeville, Texas.

Mrs. Abe Larimore of Oklahoma is here on a visit to relatives.

## Clover Seed.

Choice pure clover seed for sale.

Sam Morris.

## City Democratic Primary.

The city Democratic primary for the nomination of four councilmen and city assessor was held Monday. The following was the vote by wards:

### 1st Ward.

Councilman: Dr. Taylor—97. Ns. Myers—81.

Assessor: J. V. Williams—83. S. D. Byrns—68. E. T. Smith—30.

### 2nd Ward.

Councilman: Robt. Allison—81. John Marshall—65.

Assessor: J. V. Williams—74. E. T. Smith—26. S. D. Byrns—45.

### 3rd Ward.

Councilman: J. O. Tinsley—130. W. A. Wayne—99.

Assessor: S. D. Byrns—106. E. T. Smith—67. J. V. Williams—57.

### 4th Ward.

Councilman: Willard Potts—105.

Assessor: S. D. Byrns—51. J. V. Williams—36. E. T. Smith—27. S. D. Byrns—270. J. V. Williams—250. E. T. Smith—150.

## Hedge Dale School.

One of the most successful terms of school ever taught in Hedge Dale district closed Friday.

The teacher, Miss Effie Bryson, of Centralia, was a total stranger to most of us, when she came to take charge of our school last fall, but soon won the respect of both pupils and patrons and made friends with all she met.

From the beginning the greatest interest was manifested by both teacher and pupil, and marked advancement was made by all the classes. The attendance was good during the entire term.

We are justly proud of our term of school. And the patrons who were present at the closing exercises, all expressed their desire to have Miss Effie return for our next term of school.

Dr. J. M. Hawkins, who has been quite ill for some time, improves but slowly.

Garl E. Sims has gone to Kingsville, Texas, where he will make his home.

Eld. W. H. Hook is home from Fortuna, Mo., where he conducted a revival meeting.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crockett, south of Mexico, is reported very ill.

R. P. Hopkins was at Higginsville this week in the interest of the Ex-Confederate Home.

J. H. Lewellen sold to Nannie Doyle 40 acres of land near Laddonia. Consideration, \$2,000.

Rev. H. E. Truex is at Beebe Springs, Bowling Green.

M. L. Travis of Laddonia, sold 28 beef steers in St. Louis the other day at \$5.45.

The Mexico Brick Plant in the last 30 days has shipped to different markets over the country over 60 car loads of brick.

The Wednesday Club met yesterday with Mrs. W. L. Reed. The Crimea war was the lesson subject and Mrs. McMillan supplemented an excellent description and map study. Mrs. Warden gave a biography of the celebrated writer, Dostoevsky. Miss Lewis gave a sketch of the personal character of Alexander II. Mrs. W. W. Botts gave the wonderful history Sophia Kovalevsky who gained distinction as one of the world's greatest mathematicians. Mrs. S. P. Emmons gave a graphic description of the character of the Russian agitator, Herzen. The club are devoting themselves to the subject on hand. They meet next week with Mrs. Dearing.

W. T. Johnson, George Lee, C. T. Sullivan, C. H. Dean, Rufus Jackson and B. R. Middleton attended the Fulton stock sales Monday.

## Hollensville.

Louis Callaway went to Mexico Friday to attend the reception at Hardin College that evening. His sister, Miss Lena, is a student there.

Owing to the extremely bad weather and roads, only 25 people were at the Central box supper on the evening of Feb. 22. But the eleven boxes sold, brought \$8.65, and those present had a fine time.

Miss Ewing returned Monday from a trip to Joplin.

Henry Lowery has rented Mrs. Mary Bybee's farm near Santa Fe.

O. T. Cauthorn was quite sick last week of lagrippe.

James Campbell and family have moved to Indiana where he expects to get a job on the railroad.

Lee Arnott will not run his farm this year and expects to have a sale of stock soon. His thrasher, shredder and saw mill will probably take up most of his time.

Mrs. Clausen was the guest of her brother, James Pember, and family the greater part of last week.

Central school closed Thursday. Miss Frances Sanford, of Centralia, taught until Christmas, and resigned because of poor health, and Miss McKenrie completed the term. Both teachers gave excellent satisfaction.

Louis Callaway started Tuesday on a two or three weeks trip to Texas.

Charles Cannell has rented the Harlow place, three quarters of a mile south of Bryan school house. "Reuben" lives on his

other farm himself and hopes to do so for many years to come.

Rev. Frank Leonard, of Canton, will preach at Midway next Sunday, March 7th.

Mrs. Clarence Berrey is located near Ballinger, Texas, and both she and her little daughter are feeling much better.

Rev. Cobb filled his regular appointment at Olivet church Sunday morning and evening and announced a lecture for Monday evening.

Mrs. Cecil Mallory left for Callaway county Monday to see her sister, Mrs. Herbert Baker, who is sick.

Mrs. John Mundy left Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Bryson, and family, of Gainsville, Texas. Mrs. Alfred Hill has lagrippe.

## Farm For Sale.

We offer the farm known as the Edson farm, containing 383 acres, for sale at \$50.00 per acre.

This farm is 3 1/2 miles southeast of Rush Hill. The Clarkson Realty & Investment Co.

Attorney E. C. Kennen of Laddonia was in Mexico on business Tuesday.

## Lane & Coons Realty Co.

Farms, City Property for sale, trade or rent.

Do you want to buy or sell a farm?

Do you want to buy or sell city property?

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We have city property to trade for Town Lands.

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List your farms and city property with LANE & COONS.

Office in Lawder Building, Corner Promenade and Jefferson sts.

## For Sale.

Three extra fine jacks. Address J. R. Hodge, Laddonia, Mo.

## Guardian's Notice of Letters.

Notice is hereby given that Guardian's Letters, bearing date October 21st, 1908, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of Audrain County upon the person and estate of James Thornhill. All persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same within one year from said date for allowance or they may be barred from interest in said estate, and unless presented within two years from said date they will be forever barred.

JOHN W. HOWELL, Guardian.

J. T. Johnson last week sold to Hobbs & Moore of Columbus, Tenn., 40 head of colt mules, getting \$4,500 for the drove.

J. H. Lewellen of Laddonia sold on the St. Louis market a few days ago a car of hogs at \$6.80.

H. Niedereschutte sold to W. F. Niedereschutte and others 160 acres of land. Consideration, \$1.00.